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Hi, I just mentioned this effort in the EC Roundtable. Just a starting point to get input from others -

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Dear NPDs and Center Directors,

I'm reaching out to request your input on two activities related to ORD's Environmental Justice (EJ) work.

Request for input on the ORD EJ Research Baseline

The Biden-Harris Administration has identified EJ as a priority as noted in recent EJ relevant executive orders ([EO 13985](#) and [EO 14008](#)). To support the Administration's priority, ORD's EJ Council is working to establish a baseline of existing EJ research within ORD. This baseline will be a valuable resource to communicate ORD EJ products and research activities with EPA and external partners and to inform discussions on enhanced integration of EJ-related research into the FY23-26 ORD Strategic Research Plan (StRAP) process. To begin this effort, the Council has identified the attached preliminary list of ongoing ORD products that may have an EJ focus. The attached EJ Baseline Overview provides additional information on goals for the baseline, approach to compile the preliminary list, and search terms.

We ask that you review the spreadsheet, add EJ relevant work that we have missed and remove products that are not EJ relevant. Please send an updated spreadsheet to Danielle Ridley at Ridley.Danielle@epa.gov by April 2 .

Request for Tools to Highlight in the EJ Video Challenge

ORD is also developing a Challenge titled the EJ Video Challenge for Students. The goal of the Challenge is to enable students to develop a better understanding of the EJ issues affecting communities and demonstrate how EPA's tools can be used to understand and inform strategies to address these issues.

We plan to highlight several ORD tools in the Challenge that can be used to help communities and practitioners integrate EJ considerations into community planning and advocacy. OSAPE has developed a preliminary list of ORD tools potentially relevant to this Challenge along with information to share for each tool to guide Challenge participants. Additional information on the planned Challenge is attached with the preliminary list.

Please review the preliminary list tools in the EJ Video Challenge Overview to nominate 1-2 EJ relevant tools from your Program or Center to be included in the Challenge announcement; if it is helpful you can find the list of tools from the recent [Tools Assessment](#) here. Send your nominations including suggested additions and/or deletions of tools, to Danielle Ridley at Ridley.Danielle@epa.gov by April 2.

Thank you!

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